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- I. Plafar as Center of Underground. Plafar, the State institution for the exploitation of medicinal plants in Rumania, is alleged to be a stronghold of the Rumanian underground. This may be explained by the fact that somehow the persons of extreme nationalist tendencies originated mostly from the ranks of agronomists and veterinarians. It appears that many of these former extremists found shelter with Plafar. It is reported that the membership of some Plafar officials in the underground is an open secret about which nobody in the Ministry of Public Health is concerned.
- II. Command of the Underground. At present there is one unified command which controls all underground movements. Formerly there existed three underground currents which had to be brought to an agreement before a unified command could be achieved. The three currents were the following ones:
  - a. Gafencu - stands for the return of King Carol after the defeat of Communism.
  - b. General Radescu - stands for the return of King Mihai after the defeat of Communism.
  - c. Republican Movement - a newly formed underground which is against the return of any king, as it blames them for the present situation in Rumania.The Command of the underground keeps up contact with members abroad through the Swiss Legation.
- III. The largest concentration of partisans is to be found in the hills of Hunedoara. During the winter of 1950 many of them came down from the hills and were hired by the State-owned factories in the area. At the following places fights took place between the partisans and Government troops:
  - a. Babadag
  - b. Tulcea
  - c. Targul Mures

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Fights started after certain Communist leaders were punished by partisans in those areas.

IV. Personalities.

- a. Catrinariu, partisan area commander at Timisoara is 43 years old, of medium height, stout and has a ruddy complexion.
- b. Manoliu is commander of the underground.

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